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**In the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for pulling line through a raceway, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of sequentially-interconnected retainer portions each having a one-way locking passage therethrough adapted to retain the line, at least one of the interconnected retainer portions further having a convex upper edge about an entrance to the one-way locking passage; and

an attachment portion positioned on an end of the plurality of interconnected retainer portions.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of interconnected retainer portions is sized to fit within the raceway.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of interconnected retainer portions forms a single body.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the single body is flexible.

5. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of sequentially interconnected retainer portions each has a convex upper edge about an entrance to the one-way locking passages.

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2           6.    (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
3   the plurality of ~~sequentially~~ interconnected retainer portions has a planar  
4   lower edge at an exit of the one-way locking passage.

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6           7.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one-way  
7   locking passages are positioned parallel to one another.

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9           8.    (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at  
10   least one one-way locking passage of the plurality of ~~sequentially~~  
11   interconnected retainer portions has the line positioned therethrough and  
12   retained.

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14           9.    (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
15   the line is releasably secured to other ~~sequentially~~ interconnected retainer  
16   portions than the ~~sequentially~~ interconnected retainer portion retaining the  
17   line.

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19           10.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein an  
20   entrance to the one-way locking passages faces toward a trailing end of the  
21   plurality of ~~sequentially~~ interconnected retainer portions.

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23           11.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one-way  
24   locking passages are sized to received the line.  
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2 12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
3 hinges connect the plurality of sequentially-interconnected retainer portions  
4 to one another.

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6 13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein  
7 the hinges are positioned between the plurality of sequentially  
8 interconnected retainer portions at the base of the plurality of sequentially  
9 interconnected retainer portions.

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11 14. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus for pulling line through~~  
12 ~~a raceway, the apparatus comprising:~~

13 ~~locking means for securing the line in one direction;~~

14 ~~retaining means for housing the locking means; and~~

15 ~~attachment means for sequentially connecting the retaining means to~~

16 ~~a fish tape. An apparatus for pulling line through a raceway, the apparatus~~  
17 ~~comprising:~~

18 a plurality of interconnected retainer portions each having a

19 one-way locking passage therethrough adapted to retain the line, the

20 one-way locking passages being positioned parallel to one another;

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22 an attachment portion positioned on an end of the plurality of  
23 interconnected retainer portions.

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1           15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein  
2           the one-way locking passages are means is sized to receive the line.

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4           16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein  
5           the interconnected retainer portions are retaining means is sized to fit within  
6           the raceway.

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8           17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein  
9           the attachment portion attachment means is sized to fit within the raceway.

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11           18. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of pulling line through a~~  
12           ~~raceway, the method comprising:~~  
13           ~~pushing the line through a one-way locking passage housed in~~  
14           ~~a sequentially interconnected retainer;~~  
15           ~~attaching an attachment portion of the sequentially~~  
16           ~~interconnected retainer to an end of a fish tape; and~~  
17           ~~pulling the fish tape through the raceway.~~ An apparatus for  
18           pulling line through a raceway, the apparatus comprising:  
19           a plurality of interconnected retainer portions each having a  
20           one-way locking passage therethrough adapted to retain the line, the  
21           plurality of interconnected retainer portions being connected to one  
22           another by hinges; and  
23           an attachment portion positioned on an end of the plurality of  
24           interconnected retainer portions.  
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2 19. (Cancelled) The method of claim 18, further comprising  
3 affixing multiple lines to separate one-way locking passages.  
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5 20. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 18, further~~  
6 ~~comprising securing the line along a length of the line to other sequentially~~  
7 ~~interconnected retainers.~~ The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the hinges are  
8 positioned between the plurality of interconnected retainer portions at the  
9 base of the plurality of interconnected retainer portions.  
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